

HOUSE BILL 2819

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108, relative to entities authorized to place children for adoption.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108, is amended by renumbering the existing subdivision (b)(2) as item (A) and by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(B) In the business of arranging services shall include advertising for such services, accepting clients for a fee and for any matching services. As provided by this section only a licensed child placing agency, licensed clinical social worker or lawyer can provide such services in Tennessee. Only such entities or the prospective adoptive parents are authorized to advertise in any Tennessee publication, periodical, newspaper, telephone directory or Tennessee online directory or similar mechanism. Out-of-state licensed child placing agencies, licensed clinical social workers or lawyers must be authorized to do business in Tennessee under respective licensing laws or policies to provide adoption related services in Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.